

Formal Comment to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on the topic of protecting Net Neutrality.

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The time-tested, proven legal protections of Net Neutrality under United States Federal law of Title II of the Communications Act must be preserved. Our nation's security, health, education, culture, economy, transportation, agriculture, and government fully rely on unhampered, dependable, unbiased access to the Internet. To undermine and attempt to divvy out this core national system, so that a handful of opportunists can make a quick buck, has a foot squarely in grounds of treason.

Make no mistake – we are not an uneducated populace that foolishly believes ISPs somehow have the right to own this national resource, and have magnanimously offered it to us thus far. Hundreds of thousands, if not millions of us, like myself, have spent our lives inventing, testing, documenting, improving, educating, and supporting this system. Huge ISPs just happen to be standing at the gate. These fallible companies have already repeatedly proven themselves untrustworthy without powerful laws to prevent self-serving grabbing and squabbling over wealth; wealth that must only be shared by the intelligence of a truly open and fair market. This intelligence called Net Neutrality is what is currently working so well, and what has been fueling the Internet's explosive growth for years.

Furthermore, the power of the internet does not lie in the routers and wires, but in the trillions of hours We The People have spent uploading priceless amounts of maps, medical files, family photos, how-to videos, technical drawings, surveys, and music. No wonder some people are drooling over holding the reins to who will have access and if there is to be access. This threat makes our nation vulnerable and under the thumb of uncontrolled, individual greed. This weakness is the very thing that our laws are created to prevent. It's not that any one individual can or should be picked out as more corrupt than others. It is the basic principle behind democracy that "Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

In the Age of Information - We don't trust individuals to own our country or our country's way of communication. If any of us thought that ISPs would be able to swoop in and determine speed and access, we would not have invested our time and resources in the Internet. I hardly need mention that to call this attempted heist "Restoring Internet Freedom" is an all-out insult to morality. The loss of Net Neutrality absolutely would choke my personal business, my willingness to trust access such as medical portals, on-line banking, on-line shopping, family communications. Immediately I would be looking for alternatives.

In closing, and for the record, I demand that this national resource, built by all of us, be protected in perpetuity by Net Neutrality as currently defined and under the USA federal law of Title II of the Communications Act.